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Information Brochure for Admission under Foreign Student (FS) Category



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I. Disclaimer

1. The contents of this brochure are based on policies applicable on the date of commencement of admission for the Academic Session 2026-27. Additional information shall be uploaded to the University website.
2. Candidates seeking admission are hereby advised to regularly visit the website's admission page for foreign students (FS) for updates and to take note of any modification of the admission processes described in the present brochure.
3. Any change in the procedures for in-person appearance of applicants for admission activities as well as for verification of documents shall be notified in due course.
4. Please carefully read this brochure before applying.



II. General Information

AUD invites applications to its programmes of study from citizens of countries other than India. AUD has a FS supernumerary admission quota (over and above the sum of seats of regular admission categories for Indian applicants) for its doctoral/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes.

A. The Foreign Student (FS) Admission Quota

1. The FS quota in PhD programmes is in excess of the total of regular (non-supernumerary) Indian/domestic study seats. The number of FS seats in a PhD programme is determined by the programme's supervisory capacity. In some PhD programmes there are few or no FS seats in some admission years. The FS PhD seats available in 2026–2027 in the various programmes are shown in Table 1.
2. FS applicants must register and apply at the Study in India (SII) portal of the Government of India.
[<https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/>]
3. Along with the SII registration and application, it is mandatory to also apply through the AUD FS admissions portal and pay the designated application fee there.
[<https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/Foreign-Student/2026>].
4. Admission of FS is for full-time study in an approved programme with intention of completing an AUD degree.
5. **FS admission is considered to be 'in absentia', whether or not the FS applicant is in India at the time of application.**

6. No applicant under the FS category may be considered for admission under another category or quota, and no applicant under any domestic admission category (regular or supernumerary) is eligible for FS admission.

7. The FS admission process differs from domestic student admission and has a different set of steps and procedures in place governed by the Government's and AUD policies.

8. **Minimum eligibility requirements** (including qualifying degrees and percentage/CGPA, etc.) for FS applicants are the same as (or equivalent to) those for Indian applicants of the general/unreserved admission category. The minimum eligibility requirements for each programme are mentioned in the general Admission information available on the PhD admissions pages of the website. **National entrance tests (like University Grants Commission's National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) for determining merit of domestic applicants do not apply to FS applicants.** However, some **additional criteria** (such as an entrance interview, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, etc.) may be mandatory for FS. These criteria are specified in this brochure under Programme-Specific Application Instructions.

9. Foreign applicants will not be exempted from any of these above stated requirements on account of their remote location. These requirements will be completed virtually without the applicant needing to be present in-person in India.

10. **Self-financing FS applicants** are those who do not receive financial assistance as part of an official government/cultural/educational exchange programme recognized by the Indian government. Self-financing FS applicants pay the AUD application/FS processing fees and the tuition fees indicated in Table 2 in this brochure.

11. **Financed/sponsored FS applicants** are those who apply for admission to AUD as per the norms of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (Cultural Exchange Fellowship programme), EdCIL or another government-to-government scholarship programme. Their tuition payments to AUD are set by terms of their scholarship, as recognized by the university.

12. FS applicants should carefully **read the general admission information for PhD admission** available on the PhD admissions pages of the website describing the minimum eligibility requirements, and other details about the programme they seek admission to and then follow the Programme-Specific Application Instructions given in this brochure for FS admission.

13. Important web-links have been provided at the end of this brochure.

B. Foreign Students (FS) Seats

PhD Programmes

The number of seats available in each PhD programme under FS Quota is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: FS Seats in PhD Programmes

School	Programme	FS Seats
School of Management	PhD Management	02
School of Development Studies	PhD Development Studies	01
School of Education Studies	PhD Education	02
School of Human Ecology	PhD Human Ecology	00
School of Human Studies	PhD Women and Gender Studies	01
	PhD Psychology	01
School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies	PhD Legal Studies/ Law	01

School of Liberal Studies	PhD Mathematics	01
	PhD Sociology	02
	PhD History	02
	PhD Economics	01
School of Letters	PhD Hindi	01
	PhD English	02
	PhD Comparative Literature and Translation Studies	00
School of Global Affairs	PhD Urban Studies	02
	PhD in Global Studies	01
School of Culture and Creative Expressions	PhD Film Studies	00
	PhD Literary Art	01
	PhD Performance Studies	01
	PhD Visual Art	01
School of Public Policy and Governance	PhD Public Health	01
	PhD Public Policy and Governance	01

School of Vocational Studies	PhD Vocational Education	02
School of Heritage Research and Management	PhD Heritage Studies	01



C. General Eligibility for Applying under the FS Category

- A person who holds citizenship and valid passport of a country other than India is eligible for admission under the 'Foreign Student' (FS) category.
- A person who holds a valid Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card and a passport of a country other than India is eligible for admission under the FS category. Any applicant who holds Indian citizenship/passport is not eligible for admission under the FS category.
- No applicant may apply under the FS category and be considered for admission under any domestic (Indian) student categories (general, OBC, SC, ST, EWS, SGC, etc.).
- Tibetan applicants with Identity Certificates issued by the Government of India (and not holding Indian passports) will be considered foreign applicants only to be admitted under the FS category.
- A Non-Resident Indian (NRI) and citizen of India whose qualifying degree/certificate is from an international education board (e.g., International Baccalaureate/IB) or from a foreign school/ HE institution/board is not eligible for admission under FS category.*

- FS applicants are subject to rules of ‘in absentia’ admission regardless of whether they are in India or outside of the country at the time of application.

***Note:** ‘Qualifying degree’ means the degree/diploma/education credentials most recently obtained as the minimum education requirement for admission to the programme applied to: for Bachelor’s degree, the secondary school diploma/certificate; for admission to a Master’s programme, the BA/BSc/BBA; etc.



D. Application and Tuition Fees

The FS fees (for self-financing and sponsored/financed applicants) are given in Table 2. FS fee is subject to revision; changes (if any) will be notified on the website in advance.

Table 2: Application and Tuition Fees for FS

Application Fees		
Countries	Programmes Covered	Application Fees
SAARC Countries/Tibet	Any two programmes	USD 100
Non- SAARC Countries	Any two programmes	USD 200
Annual Tuition Fees		
Countries	Programme	Annual Tuition Fees
SAARC Countries/Tibet	PhD programme	Equiv. USD 1200
Non-SAARC Countries	PhD programme	Equiv. USD 2000

- The application fee is to be paid in INR through the application portal via credit card/debit card or electronic transfer. The application fee is determined based on the exchange rates notified by the Reserve Bank of India at the time of preparing the application portal. **The application fee is not refundable.**

- The annual tuition fee is paid at the time of admission and thereafter at the beginning of the academic session each year. The payment must be in Indian National Rupees (INR) and through electronic bank transfer. Please check the exchange rate on date of payment on <https://www.rbi.org.in> and pay the equivalent amount accordingly.
- Currently **no financial scholarship/stipend** is available for FS. Financial provisions (fee waiver, concessions, student welfare support, etc.) are available only for domestic students.



E. Required Information and Documents

1. **Birth certificate:** If the name on the birth certificate is different from the name on education transcript/s, the applicant must also submit a separate affidavit/certificate linking the birth name and the name on education certificates.
2. **Valid passport:** The passport should be valid for at least six months at the time of submitting the application.
3. A **recent photograph** showing the full face of the applicant.
4. Scans/e-files of **all official transcripts/ degrees/ certificates** mentioned in your application. Must include the qualifying degree (see definition in section C above) and prior degrees going back to secondary school.
5. **Letter(s) authenticating education certificates** (in 4 above) by any one of the following: (a) an officer of the relevant educational institution; (b) an officer of the country's education ministry; (c) the cultural/education officer of the country's embassy in India. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) will validate documents of foreign applicants for a fee (see www.aiu.ac.in) and AIU certificates may be submitted in place of institutional authentication letters. (Authentication letters are NOT required for Indian or SAARC-country education certificates).

6. **Valid certificate of TOEFL/Academic**

IELTS/ELPC, showing test score, for applicants whose qualifying degrees are not from an English-medium institution/board. The reported test score must have been obtained within the preceding two years. This is not required if the school/ HE institution (or the relevant academic programme of the school/HE institution) issuing transcripts per (4) and (5) above is an 'English medium' institution (See clarification in Section F below).

7. **Proof of financial support** for the minimum normal registration period of the intended AUD study programme. This proof would normally be one or more balance statements of bank accounts in the name of the applicant or their parent or legal guardian. The statements must be not older than three months from the time of application. If such proof cannot be provided at point of application, a provisionally admitted student will be required to provide evidence of financial viability once they are in Delhi (See Section G below).

8. For **Nepalese applicants** only: Citizenship Card along with Nepal passport.

9. For **Tibetan applicants** only: Registration Card issued by Govt. of India.

10. FS applicants already **holding an Indian visa** for higher study (Student or Researcher category) should submit a scan of the same.

11. FS applicants should submit a copy of **Valid Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card**, if applicable. OCI card entitles the holder to study in India without Student or Researcher visa.
12. If an applicant is in regular employment and availing leave for the duration of their study in India, s/he should submit a **'No objection certificate'** (NOC) from the employer.
13. **Letter of scholarship** award from Indian or other government agency.



F. Language Proficiency for Foreign Students

- AUD offers a multi-language learning environment. Many AUD study programmes expect learners to be proficient or to become proficient in more than one language, including English. Admission of foreign students to AUD presumes their proficiency in academic English.
- No special proof of proficiency is required if (a) an FS applicant's most recent (or qualifying) educational degree was awarded by a recognized 'English-medium' institution, or (b) English was the official 'medium of instruction' of the programme they graduated from.
- If neither (a) nor (b) is true, a FS applicant needs to provide evidence of academic proficiency in English in the form of a performance report/certificate of a standard examination of academic English, preferably TOEFL or IELTS (Academic only, not General Training version). The reported test score must have been obtained within the preceding two years. In these cases, except in Hindi language and literature, an applicant's minimum IELTS score must be 6.5, or the TOEFL score must be in the 79–93 range (out of 120) or above.

G. Admission Process

- All FS applying to the various programmes at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi must register on the Study in India (SII) portal, Government of India. (<https://studyinindia.gov.in/how-to-apply-to-study-in-india-?activeTabIndex=0>). It is mandatory to also apply through the AUD admissions portal (<https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/Foreign-Student/2026>).
- FS applicants with complete and valid online applications will be contacted in due course about subsequent application steps. Those selected for admission are offered provisional admission upon verification of the documents provided during the admission process.
- A provisionally admitted FS candidate will be issued documents by AUD to enable them to obtain a student visa (or, for PhD scholars, research visa). No provisionally admitted foreign student will be registered at AUD without a valid visa (Student or Research) unless they are in possession of such a document as OCI card that conveys the right to stay in the country and register in an Indian educational institution. (For information about visa requirements, please visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>).

- FS candidates should await the official AUD admission 'offer letter' (with provisional registration number and other information) before applying for visas.
- **Additional requirements** for registration:
 1. proof of suitable medical insurance, with 'evacuation' clause, for the FS as well as any dependent family members who stay with the FS in India;
 2. banking details showing ownership or co-ownership of a bank account in India with funds sufficient to cover at least the first year of AUD tuition and living expenses in Delhi; and
 3. evidence of personal and/or family financial resources sufficient to cover the student's expenses of the whole intended period of study. [Point (iii) can be waived for government sponsored/ financed FS candidates as defined in this brochure's General Information Section A].
- The annual tuition fee (see Table 2) is paid at the time of admission and thereafter at the beginning of the academic session each year. The payment must be in Indian Rupees (INR) and through electronic bank transfer. Please check the exchange rate on date of payment on <https://www.rbi.org.in> and pay the equivalent amount accordingly.

- **International Affairs Division (IAD)** of AUD is the administrative unit directly concerned with admission of foreign students. Once admitted, foreign students are assisted and advised by programme staff of their School and by the AUD Student Services. IAD assists FS with matters such as general orientation towards the University, registration at the Foreigners Regional Registration Office, and other admissions related advice.
- AUD does not currently have a foreign students hostel.



III. Programme-Specific Application Instructions

Before proceeding to the online application form/portal, the applicants must read the programme specific instructions. The application portal allows you to submit information and documents in stages ('save and return' option) before freezing and completing your application. Some programmes require you to email documents in addition to those you submit through the online application portal. Documents such as research proposals and statements of purpose will be checked with anti-plagiarism software. Plagiarized or falsified documents will result in rejection of an application.

Contact information is provided for each study programme in case you have questions about the application steps. Once you have completed the online application form (both Study in India and University's form) you will be contacted with further instructions, but you should also regularly check the AUD website for admission information/updates.

FS applicants to any doctoral programme at AUD **do not** have to go through the UGC-NET/JRF as domestic students. However, any additional guideline/ rule/ provision of relevant Government bodies as and when notified will be applicable to FS applicants.

Minimum eligibility requirements: FS applicants must meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the programme(s) they are applying to (as notified in the University's general admission information for PhD) (<https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/PhD-Admission/2026>).

Additional admission criteria: In addition to the minimum eligibility, PhD programmes have additional requirements for the FS applicants. These are given below.

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (SoM)

PhD in Management

For any queries contact: deansom@aud.ac.in

1. Eligibility in addition to eligibility requirements for application as 'Foreign Student':
2. Candidates who have obtained a Master's degree in Management or allied area, a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's or possess an equivalent qualification, recognized by AIU with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.
3. A minimum GMAT score of 650.

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of purpose: (300–500 words; carrying a 30% weightage) articulating applicants interest in management research with special reference to reasons to pursue a doctoral degree in India and at AUD in particular. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake aligned with his/her specializations.
2. Research proposal: (1500–2000 words; carrying a 40% weightage): indicating the broad area of research, the research proposal should explain the background, significance of the study, a brief review of literature, key questions, objectives and scope, and a brief description of the research process and methods that the candidate proposes to use along with references (in APA style).
3. Online presentation and interview (30%): Shortlisted candidates will be required to make brief online presentation of their research proposal followed by online interview to assess their intent and interest towards management research.
4. Other requirements: Two signed and dated letters of recommendation from faculty or academic advisors who are familiar with educational/professional background of the applicant within the past five years. The letter of recommendation should describe the applicant's areas of interests, competence and development.
5. Applicants detailed CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments.

Note: All documents should be typed, 12 pt Arial font, 1.5 line spacing, saved as doc or pdf file, for naming use the following file naming convention [Applicant name]_[document type]_PhD_Management_2026. Example:
XXXX_SOP_PhD_Management_2026

SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (SDS)

PhD in Development Studies

For any queries contact: deansds@aud.ac.in, pcphdsds@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (1000 words): describing the candidate's reasons for wishing to complete this programme,
2. Research Proposal: detailing the applicant's proposed research project.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDIES (SES)

PhD in Education

For any queries contact: deanses@aud.ac.in, phdeducation@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Strong academic background with PG in Education related programmes.
2. Competence in academic comprehension and writing in English.
3. Statement of Purpose (300–500 words) articulating the applicant's reasons for pursuing the PhD in Education.
4. A research proposal in domain of Education reflecting an engagement with relevant literature in the field and appropriate methodology.
5. Two letters of recommendation from faculty, supervisors or academic advisors who are familiar with the educational/professional background of the applicant and can write about their areas of interests, strength and development.
6. Applicants may submit a CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments (optional).
7. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview. During the interview, the candidate will be assessed for their suitability for a rigorous research programme and their intent and interest towards teaching, research and engagement in the field of education.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY (SHE)

PhD in Human Ecology (No seats in 2026-27)

For any queries contact: deanshe@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose: (300–500 words) addressing applicant's reasons for wanting to earn the degree in the field of Human Ecology and indicating specific interest in the programme which is aligned with the applicant's professional research interests and specializations of comparable scholarly record.
2. Research Proposal: A write-up of up to five double-spaced pages (Times New Roman font size 12) should be submitted with the application. It should give a background of the proposed research, its questions/ objectives, a description of the chosen conceptual frameworks, and the historical-geographical context of the research
3. A Written Exercise: The candidates would be required to submit a written essay online on the basis of the readings uploaded to the AUD website.
4. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation by teachers or academic advisors who have known the applicant within the past five years and can speak to her/his competencies and interests. Referee should not write about the applicant as they knew them more than five years ago unless relevant. The letter is a statement of competence and interest, not merely a 'character certificate'.
5. Applicants must submit a CV/Biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments.
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN STUDIES (SHS)

PhD in Women and Gender Studies

For any queries contact: deanshs@aud.ac.in, phdwgs.pc@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of purpose: (300–500 words; carrying a 30% weightage) articulating applicants' interest in research in Women and Gender Studies with special reference to reasons to pursue a doctoral degree in India and at AUD in particular. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake aligned with his/her specializations.
2. Research proposal: (1500–2000 words; excluding bibliography; carrying a 40% weightage) in English should be submitted attaching the given first page. The proposal should specify the research agenda and question, should have a literature review of the available scholarship in the field and clearly mention possible methods of conducting the research. The proposal should be accompanied with a substantial bibliography. Citations should be according to the latest MLA style sheet. (Please note that AUD has zero tolerance policy towards plagiarism and the proposal will be screened through an anti-plagiarism software).
3. If the candidate proposes to conduct either ethnography or archival work in a language other than English, their proficiency in the language concerned should be mentioned in the proposal. If not proficient, the candidate has to mention if they will be arranging for a translator or research assistant by them. (Please note that classes in AUD and examinations will be conducted only in English. We accept written material including PhD dissertations only in English from foreign students).
4. The candidate should submit a "writing sample" (with the given first page attached) which should be a substantial piece of published/unpublished writing in an area that is closely related to Women and Gender Studies in general. This can be an MA/Mphil dissertation chapter, journal article, or work in progress. The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, which reflects the applicant's ability to address research questions in the field of Women and Gender Studies. The writing sample should be on something other than the proposed area of research preferably, an essay or a term paper. We only accept writing in English.
5. Online presentation and interview (30%): Shortlisted candidates will be required to make brief online presentation of their research proposal followed by an online interview.
6. Other requirements: Two signed and dated letters of recommendation from faculty or academic advisors who are familiar with educational/professional background of the applicant within the past five years. The letter of recommendation should be from someone who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and his/her training in this or other relevant disciplines
7. Applicant's detailed CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments.

Note: All documents should be typed, 12 pt Arial font, 1.5-line spacing, saved as MS-Word or PDF, for naming use the following file naming convention [Applicant name]_[document type]_PhD WGS_2026-27. Example: XXXX_SOP_PhD WGS_2026-27.

PhD in Psychology (Psychosocial Studies)

For any queries contact: deanshs@aud.ac.in, pcphdpsychology@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Research proposal (2500-3000 words; carrying a 40% weightage) in English, indicating research agenda, methodology planned, and a bibliography. The applicant may also indicate their specific interest in and fit with the Psychology PhD programme at AUD. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake, aligned with their specializations. The proposal should specify the research agenda and question, have a literature review of the available scholarship in the field, and clearly mention possible research methods. We expect the proposal to be accompanied by a substantial bibliography. Citations should be according to the latest APA style. Please note that AUD has a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism, and the proposal will be screened through an anti-plagiarism software.
2. Writing sample (carrying a 30% weightage) in the form of published or unpublished work, such as a term paper, a research paper, a book chapter, or a chapter from a Master's or MPhil dissertation that best reflects the applicant's research acumen (one item). The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, reflecting the applicant's ability to address research questions in psychology.
3. Reason(s) for applying to our programme should also be mentioned in the proposal.
4. After completing the application form, the applicant must also submit an essay based on readings and instructions to be uploaded on the website (PhD Psychology in the Admissions Section).
5. Two signed letters of recommendation from faculty or academic advisors familiar with the applicant's educational/professional background within the past five years to be submitted on or before the last date of applications. The letter of recommendation should describe the applicant's areas of interest, competence, and development. These should be emailed or posted to the Programme Co-ordinator, Psychology, pcphdpsychology@aud.ac.in, with a clear subject heading "Recommendation Letter: Foreign Student" copied to deanshs@aud.ac.in. The referee should be someone who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and their training in this or other relevant disciplines.
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo a presentation of their research proposal, followed by an online interview (carrying a 30% weightage) to assess their intent and interest towards Psychological research.
7. For all admission-related queries, please write to the Programme Co-ordinator of Psychology, pcphdpsychology@aud.ac.in and Dean SHS deanshs@aud.ac.in. Please write a clear subject heading "Query: Admission for PhD Programme Psychology, Foreign Student."
8. The Indian Education system should recognize the previous degree of the applicant.

Note: The soft copy file of the proposal should be typed, 12 pt Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, saved as a doc or PDF file. Use the following file naming convention: [Applicant name]_[document type]_PhD_Psychology_2026. Example, XXXX_SOP_PhD_Psychology_2026.

SCHOOL OF LEGAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL STUDIES (SLPS)

PhD in Legal Studies/ Law

For any queries contact: deanslps@aud.ac.in; inchargeslps@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words) should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in legal studies at SLPS. This statement should include an account of the candidate's previous research experience.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words) clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES (SLS)

PhD in Mathematics

For any queries contact: deansls@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Postgraduate (or Equivalent) in Mathematics/ Applied Mathematics from a recognised university/institute
2. Statement of purpose (500 words) including area of research interest, proposed research study and reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Two letters of recommendations from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in Sociology

For any queries contact: deansls@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words) should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in sociology at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words) clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in History

For any queries contact: deansls@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Research proposal as described in the general bulletin/application instructions for the PhD History programme on the AUD website.
2. Statement of purpose (300–600 words) indicating reasons for wishing to pursue research studies in India and at AUD in particular. The SOP must be a Word document or pdf and have a file name as follows: [Applicant surname]_SOP PhD History_2026. It must be uploaded with the online application.
3. Two letters of recommendation by teachers or academic advisors who have known the applicant within the past five years and can speak to her/his competencies and interests. Referee should not write about the applicant as they knew him/her more than five years ago unless relevant. The letter is a statement of competence and interest, not merely a 'character certificate'.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview. The interview shall focus on the applicant's research proposal and shall be used to assess the applicant's capacity or potential to do historical research.

PhD in Economics

For any queries contact: deansls@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. Postgraduate (or Equivalent) in Economics (or Allied disciplines) from a recognised university/institute.
2. Research proposal (no word limit) with bibliography detailing the proposed research study and the reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.
4. Two letters of recommendations from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.

SCHOOL OF LETTERS (SoL)

PhD in Hindi

For any queries contact: deansol@aud.ac.in, pcphdhindi@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Research proposal (with bibliography) of approximately 3000 words specifying the applicant's research area and research questions.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in English

For any queries contact: deansol@aud.ac.in; pcreseenglish@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Research proposal (with a substantial bibliography) between 2500 to 3000 words specifying the applicant's research area and research questions.
2. A writing sample of 2500 to 3000 words on something other than the proposed topic of research preferably, an essay or a term paper, a chapter from a dissertation, or a published paper, with proper references and a bibliography.
3. Three letters of recommendation to be submitted by referees who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for and interest in research in the relevant field. These should be emailed or posted by the referee directly to the Programme Coordinator, PhD English.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in Comparative Literature and Translation Studies (No seats)

For any queries contact: deansol@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows

1. Research Proposal (3000 words excluding a substantial bibliography) detailing the applicant's research agenda and question, their proficiency in the languages they intend to conduct the research, and the reasons for applying to our wishing to pursue this programme at AUD.
2. Three letters of recommendation from referees who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and their training in this or other relevant disciplines.
3. Writing Sample in the form of a substantial piece of published/unpublished writing (dissertation chapter, journal article, or work in progress) in an area that is closely related to the literary humanities in general. The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, which reflects the applicant's ability to address research questions in the fields of Comparative Literature and/or Translation Studies. If the original piece of writing is not in English, an adequate translation of the same should be made available in English.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS (SGA)

PhD in Urban Studies

For any queries contact: deansga@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in urban studies at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words): clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in Global Studies

For any queries contact: deansga@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in global studies at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words): clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF CULTURE AND CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS (SCCE)

PhD in Literary Art

For any queries contact: deanscce@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): which should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue a practice or research oriented PhD programme in Literary Art at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words): clearly delineating the tentative research theme/genre or form/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. A portfolio of creative work and/or writing samples.
4. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation in support of the candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
5. A biodata with details of the applicant's academic and/or professional trajectory and achievements
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in Performance Studies

For any queries contact: deanscce@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): which should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue a research-oriented PhD programme in Performance Studies at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words): clearly delineating the tentative research theme/genre or form/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. A writing sample in a related area.
4. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation in support of the candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
5. A biodata with details of the applicant's academic and professional trajectory and achievements.
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in Film Studies (Not on offer in 2026-27)

For any queries contact: deanscce@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. A biodata indicating educational background related to carrying out research in the discipline of film studies.
2. A statement of purpose, in not more than 500 words, that connects previous academic training and exposure to the intention of doing a PhD in Film Studies at AUD.
3. A research proposal, in not more than 2000 words, that includes the research question, proposed methodology and literature review in the proposed area of research indicating how the research is going to contribute to the study of the phenomenon.
4. Two fresh recommendations from academics/scholars that the candidate had associated with or studied under.
5. The candidate will have to appear for an online interview.

PhD in Visual Art

For any queries contact: deanscce@aud.ac.in

The PhD Programme in Visual Art comprises of two streams of research: A) Practice-integrated Research and B) Study-based research.

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): articulating the applicant's reasons for pursuing the PhD in Visual Art.
2. Research Proposal: All applicants are required to submit an original Research Proposal as part of the online application. The research proposal must clearly delineate the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study. The research proposal should provide a background of the proposed research, its broad questions/ objectives, and a brief description of the relevant theoretical/conceptual frameworks. The research proposal must be between 2000 to 2500 words.
3. Creative Portfolio: Applicants for the Practice-integrated Research programme are required to submit a Creative portfolio in a single pdf file (not exceeding documentation of 5 completed projects/sets of work) as part of the online application.
4. Interview: The candidate will have to appear for an online interview. The interview shall take into consideration the following:
 - whether the applicant possesses competence in the proposed research area.
 - whether the research can be undertaken at the School.
 - whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge in the field.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE (SPPG)

PhD in Public Health

For any queries contact: deansppg@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in Public Health at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words): clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

PhD in Public Policy and Governance

For any queries contact: deansppg@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Statement of Purpose (500 words): should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in Public Policy and Governance at AUD.
2. Research proposal (maximum 2500 words): clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES

PhD in Vocational Education

For any queries contact: deansvs@aud.ac.in, krajinders@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. Research proposal (Minimum 1000 words in APA format) shall include: Title of the research, Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review/Conceptual Framework, Methodology and Implications.
2. Letter of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
3. Interview: Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.
4. CV: Applicants detailed CV describing academic/professional activities and publications (if any).

SCHOOL OF HERITAGE RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT

PhD in Heritage Studies

For any queries contact: deanshrm@aud.ac.in

The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. Post-graduation in Archaeology, Conservation, Museology and allied disciplines.
2. Research proposal (2000 words) with bibliography detailing the proposed research study and the reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.
4. Two letters of recommendations from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.

IV. Important Links and Contact Information



A. Important Links

Sl	Important Information	Links
1	AUD website	https://aud.delhi.gov.in/
2	AUD's general Admission Brochure with details of programmes and minimum eligibility requirements for UG programmes	https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/UG-Admissions/2026
3	AUD's general Admission Brochure with details of programmes and minimum eligibility requirements for PG programmes	https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/PG-Admissions/2026
4	AUD's general admission information for PhD programmes with details of programmes and minimum eligibility requirements	https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/PhD-Admission/2026
5	Programme Specific Application Instructions for FS	This brochure Section III
6	Application and updates for FS applicants	https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/Foreign-Student/2026
7	Government of India's Study in India (SII) Portal	https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/
8	Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) exchange rates	https://www.rbi.org.in
9	Indian visa requirements for FS	https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html

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